

REMARKS

Paragraph [0037] of the Specification has been amended to make an editorial correction by changing the word “milking” to --milling--.

Claims 1-7 and 38-43 are pending, of which claim 1 is independent. Claim 1 has been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner’s Interview conducted telephonically on July 18, 2008. In the interview, the differences between the keyway in the present invention and the bore through the shaft in U.S. Patent No. 6,398,525 were discussed. Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 and 38-43, which depend therefrom, are patentably distinguishable over the cited art. In particular, the ‘525 reference and other cited references show a hole or bore that passes through the shaft, rather than a keyway comprising a groove, wherein the groove is in the surface of the shaft and does not pass through the shaft. A benefit of the invention that a shaft driven by a projection received in a keyway is less likely to break than is a shaft driven by a bolt positioned through a bore in the shaft.

Support for newly added claims 39-43 can be found in paragraph [0037] of the Specification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and arguments herein, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any cancelled claims or additional claims, including claims of broader scope, in a continuation application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 19-3878**.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if it would in any way advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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